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HERNDON CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY SET FOR AUTUMN

Herndon, VA (July 13, 2006) – The Herndon Citizens Police Academy, a program designed to educate citizens regarding police operations within the Town of Herndon, is now accepting applications for its twelfth session., to be held August 30 through November 15.

The twelve-week course, conducted by officers of the Herndon Police Department and by representatives from the Fairfax County Judicial System, gives citizens an opportunity to experience hands-on demonstrations of police work, to include ride-alongs with officers on patrol, a trip to the firing range and a tour of the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. Topics covered in classroom presentations include criminal investigations and narcotics investigations; community policing; pursuits, radar and DWI enforcement; firearms training; K-9 police work; crime scene processing; general district court information; and overviews on gang activity.

“The Citizens Police Academy is a key element of the Herndon Police Department’s community policing initiative,” said Chief Toussaint E. Summers, Jr. “The coursework gives participants a realistic, thorough perspective into the workings of the Town’s police department and demonstrates how citizens can become more involved in crime prevention in our community.”

Participants in the academy must be 18 years of age or older with no prior criminal record. Town residency is not a requirement for participation, although Town residents do receive first consideration for admission.

Applications for the Citizens Police Academy may be downloaded from the Town of Herndon's website, www.herndon-va.gov. Applications are also available at the Herndon Police Department or by contacting SPO. D.L. Morgan at 703/435-6881 X2394 or via email at dexter.morgan@herndon-va.gov.

The Town of Herndon was incorporated by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 14, 1879. Located in western Fairfax County, Herndon is the 3rd largest town in the Commonwealth and is home to more than 22,000 citizens. Businesses located within the Town of Herndon, which range from high tech enterprises to entrepreneurially-owned establishments, employ approximately 23,500 people.

For more information, visit the Town's website at www.herndon-va.gov.

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